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Cal Firm Gets Food Service

Service Systems Corporation of Burlingame, California will start moving a new food service management team to Boise State University's student union building this summer after routine approval of their winning bid for that contract by the State Board of Education.

By a narrow advisory committee margin, SSC took the contract away from ARA Food Service, the present contract holder to provide all major student and staff feeding operations at the university.

Another bidder, Saga Foods, was considered during lengthy advisory committee analysis of bids from four firms. To reach their conclusion, the five-man committee rated each firm on three basic qualities: price, management and service.

Each category was rated on a 1-2-3-4 point scale, then all point totals "earned" in each category were added to get the company's final standing.

Committee makeup represented student residents who are major consumers of food service products here; student union management where most food service operations are centered; and university and student financial offices who are responsible for supervision of the contract terms and performance.

Students involved in the decision process were Tom Beeler, Rick Mattoon and Ron Buchanan. Also acting as consultants during the committee investigation of bidders were student union administrators Fred Norman and Tom Moore, Director of Student Residential Life Susan Mitchell and Housing Assistant Dave Beorl. Purchasing Director Will Collins also served on the committee.

The action ended a two-month study of food service alternatives after the university administration rejected proposed price increases submitted for 1976-77 by ARA. That firm's original contract was to have run through 1977-78, but the difference over annual price increase brought cancellation of that contract and a call for new bids to provide the service, May 14.

Wentworth Passes

One of Boise State University's best-liked staffers, and an unsung leader of the student union experience for students, died unexpectedly at his home Sunday morning, May 23, of natural causes.

Michael R. (Mike) Wentworth, the 32-year old Assistant Games Area Manager at the union collapsed while relaxing in his yard early that morning. Taken to a Boise hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival there.

An Oakland, California native, Wentworth served in the U.S. Army before graduation from California State college and graduation from BSU with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Since 1971, he had worked at the student union, where he was credited with development of BSU's strong assortment of outdoor recreation training and equipment programs.



OLD FRIENDS SAY FAREWELL as President John Barnes offers handshakes and special graduation ceremonies recognition to retiring BSU faculty members who have been awarded emeritus status here. From left are Dr. Peter Wilson, Dr. Donald Obee and Dr. C. Griffith Bratt. [see stories, inside pages 12, 13.]

Record Crowd Sees Graduation; Church Pulls Major Media Here

What started out as "another graduation" turned into an audience-drawing media festival when presidential candidate Senator Frank Church drew over five thousand listeners and newsmen from national news organizations to the May 16 graduation of 1168 BSU students.

Two events sparked the ceremony into the best-attended graduation session in BSU's history. First, there was Senator Church's upset Nebraska primary victory that made his appearance here that of a valid candidate in a colorful hometown setting.

Second was Senator Church's switch from an earlier plan to deliver a "pure graduation speech" to a text loaded with major foreign policy ideas of campaign significance.

By the time the candidate's entourage of press aides, campaign assistants and secret service men pulled up behind Bronco Stadium at 2 p.m., the sunshine-warmed stadium had the record crowd in their seats, craning for a view of the Senator.

He did not disappoint the crowd or the news men. In cap and gown, Church appealed to the graduates to see a higher, more consistent view of U.S. foreign involvements than those he called the tragic crisis-triggered decisions of former administrations.

He warned against the "gun-toting mentality" on dealing with foreign problems, aimed several other slaps at "jingoistic" foreign adventures in apparent reference to the recent addresses of Ronald Reagan.

Intermixed with the criticisms of other presidents and present campaigners for that post, Senator Church quoted liberally from noted historians and scholars to back his theme that nations can live together with a mix of accommodation, understanding of cultures and maintenance of individual defensive abilities.

BSU officials supervising the graduation details said Secret Service team members had a hand in almost every phase of the seating and security arrangements.

Minutes before Church entered the

Two Given Medallions

Former BSU President Eugene Chaffee and famous Idaho attorney William H. Langroise received the university's Silver Medallion Award, highest service honor designated by the school, during graduation exercises Sunday, May 16.

Dr. Chaffee, who was the school's president during its development years through a junior college, four-year college, and state college, was in the eastern U.S. at ceremonies of honor for his brother when the awards were presented.

On the dais to take his Medallion was Langroise, who was cited by presenter, President John Barnes, for his prominence as a nationally-recognized authority in mining law and business leader "well after most men have retired and left for warmer, quieter lives."

A recent major donor to BSU's School of Business development fund, Langroise was lauded by Barnes as a man who had repeatedly shown his conviction that university and community affairs are at the heart of civic progress.

As a final fillip, Barnes recalled that it had been just forty years since a famous Langroise legal case ended in a landmark decision on the Sunshine Silver Mine of North Idaho.

It was therefore appropriate, he told the audience of five thousand, that Langroise should now receive BSU's highest award, in silver.

stadium, his own reception room beneath the stadium seating area was combed by a special explosives team from the Idaho State Police office; a special retreat room was left open on the opposite side of the stadium in preparation for what one SS man called "an occurrence."

Newsmen were carefully screened for entry onto the stadium floor by BSU Information Service workers who had received earlier screening and clearance by Secret Service officers through Washington, D.C. files.

On hand to record Church's BSU graduation showing were newsmen from the Washington Post, Time magazine, and Portland Oregonian and network television crews from CBS.

Still Looking

Search and screening procedures are warming up at Boise State University this month to fill one key vacancy now a month old and prepare to fill another well before its present tenant leaves the post.

Applications have been advertised in the search for a Director of Gifts & Endowments, with Affirmative Action Director Rosalie Nadeau advising on that procedure.

The position was formerly occupied by C. Jan Baxter, who resigned in April to accept an athletic development directorship at San Diego State University.

A key step in the coming search for a new Dean, Arts & Sciences School, was taken when the State Board of Education approved salary outlines for that job.

At the request of President John Barnes, the State Board approved a salary range of \$28,500 to \$30,500 for the man or woman who will replace retiring Dean Joe Spulnik on January 1, 1977.